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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PELLETIZING PLANT

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1. OFFICIALS OF BOTH SAMIA AND SNIM CONFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF PELLETIZING PLANT IN NOUADHIBOU. TO DATE WE HAVE HEARD OF NO SAMIA PLANS TO SUBSTITUTE SINTER FEED PLANT FOR PELLETIZING PLANT BECAUSE OF COST FACTOR. DIRECT QUESTION TO ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE SNIM OFFICIAL ELICITED FIRM NEGATIVE ON SINTER ALTERNATIVE.

2. ALTHOUGH QUESTIONS PUT TO SNIM AND SAMIA OFFICIALS ABOUT PRESENT STATUS OF SAMIA PROJECTS AND CONTEMPLATED DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN TURNED ASIDE WITH VAGUE ANSWERS, DISCUSSION OF APPARENT SLIPPAGE IN SAMIA BID EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION, AND CONTRACT AWARD PROCESS WITH THESE OFFICIALS AND WITH OTHERS IN BUSINESS COMMUNITY SUGGESTS THAT SNIM/SAMIA HAVE MADE CONSCIOUS DECISION TO SLOW DOWN IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS. VARIETY OF EXPLANATIONS BOILS DOWN TO TWO: (FIRST) WITH COPPER PRICES STILL AT ROCK BOTTOM, IT MAKES LITTLE SENSE TO RUSH CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION
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OF COPPER PROCESSING CAPACITY; (SECOND) CONTINUING GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN PLUS RENEWED REALIZATION THAT THERE ARE LIMITS ON MAURITANIA'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN INVESTMENT CAPITAL HAVE RE-EMPHASIZED FACT THAT PROPOSED IRON ORE PROCESSING PROJECTS MUST TAKE SECOND PLACE TO DEVELOPMENT OF MINES THEMSELVES. THERE ARE ALSO SOME INDICATIONS THAT NEED TO SORT OUT INITIALLY UNRECOGNIZED AND STILL UNRESOLVED

ORGANIZATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN SAMIA BEFORE
CONTRACT COMMITMENTS ARE MADE HAS NOW BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED
BY MOST IF NOT ALL OF PARTICIPANTS.

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